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SUBJECT: EX-PRIME MINISTER RABIN CRITICIZES U.S. MIDDLE EAST
POLICY

1. FORMER ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER RABIN SAID IN AUSTRIAN TV INTERVIEW AUGUST 30 THAT U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S FOREIGN POLICY WAS "A POLICY OF THE OPEN MOUTH", TALKING TOO MUCH BEFORE ANYTHING IS ACHIEVED, AND SUGGESTED CARTER ADMINISTRATION SHOULD CARRY ON MIDDLE EAST POLICY PURSUED BY ITS PREDECESSOR. TV NEWSCASTER WHO INTRODUCED INTERVIEW, WHICH WAS IN ENGLISH OVERVOICED IN GERMAN, CHARACTERIZED RABIN'S REMARKS AS MOST SCATHING ATTACK EVER MADE BY PROMINENT ISRAELI FIGURE ON A U.S. ADMINISTRATION. SINCE RABIN WAS IN VIENNA ON HIS WAY TO ALPBACH POLITICAL SEMINAR ON "SOCIAL CONFLICTS AND PROBLEMS OF SOCIAL ORDER," IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE WILL AIR SIMILAR VIEWS THERE THAT MAY RECEIVE BROADER INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION THAN IN CASE OF VIENNA TV INTERVIEW.

2. AS UNDERSTOOD BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL WHO HEARD BROADCAST, RABIN ALSO ARGUED THAT CARTER ADMINISTRATION OBJECTIVES IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS WERE ADMIRABLE BUT NOT CONSONANT WITH REALITIES OF WORLD. HE SAID THERE WAS NO BASIS FOR MULTILATERAL ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM, ONLY FOR STEP-BY-STEP AGREEMENTS
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AMONG PARTIES. EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO SECURE TRANSCRIPT OF RABIN'S REMARKS, WHICH HAVE NOT YET APPEARED IN LOCAL PRESS.

3. IN SEPARATE INTERVIEW WITH GEORG POSSANNER IN VIENNA DAILY "DIE PRESSE" OF AUGUST 31, RABIN ALSO EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM ABOUT MULTILATERAL ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE MIDDLE EAST ISSUE, REJECTED VIEW THAT PLO ACCEPTANCE OF UN RESOLUTION 242

AMOUNTED TO INDIRECT PLO RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST,
AND SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT CERTAIN ABOUT U.S. POSITION IN
REGARD TO BASIS FOR POSSIBLE DIRECT U.S.-PLO CONTACTS, FORMER
SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AND FORMER ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER
ALLON HAD SIGNED MEMORANDUM AS PART OF INTERIM EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI
AGREEMENT IN WHICH USA OBLIGATED ITSELF TO UNDERTAKE NO
NEGOTIATIONS WITH PLO BEFORE PLO HAD RECOGNIZED ISRAEL'S
RIGHT TO EXIST AND HAD ACCEPTED UN RESOLUTION 242.WOLF

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